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VBT board agrees to study plan for Sumpter Road Corridor change

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

"We had an opportunity and we couldn't move fast enough to take advantage," said Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara during the April 6 virtual meeting of the township board.

He gave no details, but he said this explained why he thinks it is time to look at Sumpter Road zoning between the city of Belleville and Bemis Road, where Sumpter Township begins.

Supervisor McNamara said Belleville businesses are moving to other cities because they have no choice.

The board agreed to move forward with a plan to use the McKenna planning consultants to create a Sumpter Road Corridor Vision, future land use amendments, and an overlay zoning district.

Public Services Director Matthew Best presented the Sumpter Road plan to the township board.

He said in 2005-6 he was on an open space committee at Van Buren Township to devise the South Side Master Plan. He said he went to a school in the city of Belleville and spoke of great things in the South end.

Best said he didn't work for VBT at the time. He was a resident, "and we wrote the South Side Master Plan" in 2007.

He said at the time they said they should talk about it in the future and now it's the future. He said the original plan wanted to protect the rural character of the South Side.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Dan Power said in 2020 the board approved the township's full Master Plan for the first time in 30 years. Now they will revisit the south side of the township and interface with the city of Belleville, he said.

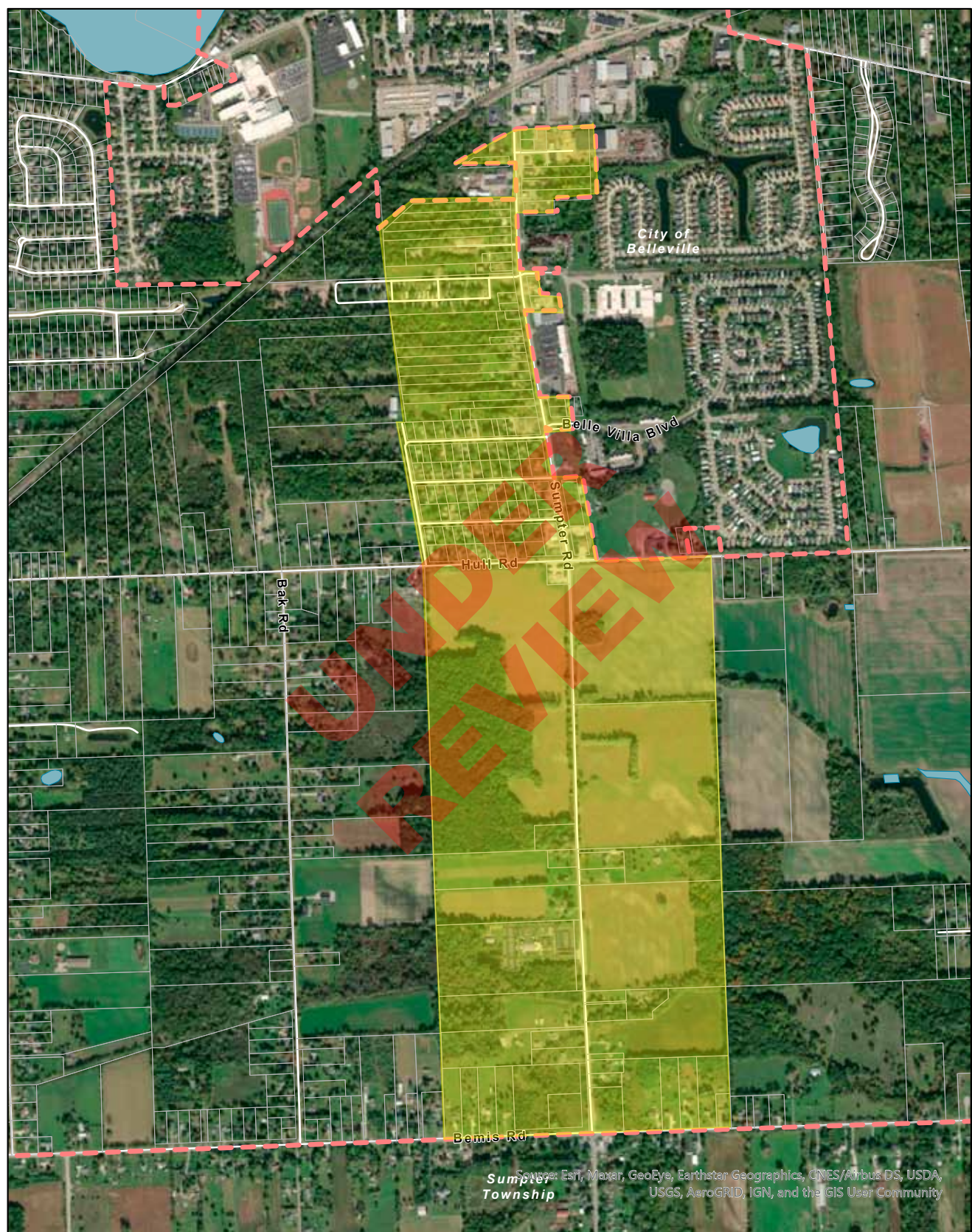
"There are some factors that may cause businesses to expand or move," Director Power said, not mentioning the marijuana industry that is starting up in the city that is causing displacements.

"Maybe the local commercial needs a new look," Power said, adding they want to protect the rural nature of the south side.

He said a future land use amendment is needed and design drawings need to be put together.

He asked the board to enable the planning process.

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The Sumpter Road Corridor, proposed by Van Buren Township, could have an overlay zoning district to allow commercial businesses in a strip along both sides of Sumpter Road between the city of Belleville and Sumpter Township. Public input is being sought on the project which could take about six months.



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SECOND FRONT PAGE

School Board approves purchase of 375 new marching band uniforms

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's in-person meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board approved purchase of 375 new marching band uniforms for Belleville High School at a cost of \$137,963.25.

The current uniforms were purchased in 2005. They have held up very well, but it is time to replace them, said a memo from Director of Finance Sara Cortese and Band Director Nick Tylor.

The memo said the district put out a bid notice for uniforms and received bids from two companies. They reviewed the bids and evaluated the sample uniforms

provided by both companies.

They recommended the purchase through Orefice LTD of Walker, MI, which had the higher bid, based on the quality of the bid sample. The second bidder was Stanbury Uniforms, LLC, of Brookfield, MO, for \$129,307.86.

The purchase will be paid through Enhancement Millage funds.

The marching band is expected to be wearing their new uniforms this fall.

Besides the 375 marching coats, bibbers, shakos and plastic shako boxes listed, there are plumes, 30 guard dresses, 30 guard camisoles. Also there are 375 hangars provided at no charge.

In other business at Monday's one-hour meeting, the board:

- Was given information on the Early Childhood Center playground bids, which will be on the next agenda for action. Total recommendation is \$215,302.50 from subcontractors Snider Recreation for playground, Randy Brown Landscaping for landscaping, Blue Ribbon Contracting for earthwork and utilities, Davenport Brothers Construction for site concrete, and Nationwide Construction Group for fencing;
- Approved purchase of Early Childhood Center furniture as presented at the last meeting, from ISCG for an amount of

\$265,754.46 and NBS Commercial Interiors for an amount of \$93,910.61 for a total furniture cost of \$359,665.07;

- Approved purchase of Structural Cabling for the Early Childhood Center as presented at the last meeting, from Capricorn Diversified Systems for an amount of \$59,997, pending final review of terms by the district's legal counsel;

- Reconfirmed the COVID-19 instruction plan as required by the state every 30 days;

- Approved the retirements of teachers Kari Cadeau from Haggerty ECDC after 37 years of service; Scott Head of Tyler

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Court Watching:

Judge Oakley binds over Kenneth Parker on 8 of 14 original charges

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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After a live preliminary exam before 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley on April 8, Kenneth Lamont Parker, 41, of Ypsilanti was bound over to circuit court on eight charges of the original 14 counts first announced.

Parker originally was scheduled for an exam on March 29 with Daniel Preston Hopkins, 36, of Westland, who was a part of the incident on July 31, 2020 at a mobile home in Park Estates in Van Buren Township.

Hopkins' preliminary exam on the stabbing was held on March 29 and he was bound over to circuit court on charges of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and assault with a dangerous weapon. He is free on bond of \$10,000/10% and is wearing a GPS tether.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Tara Hindelang was not ready for Parker's exam on March 29 and asked Judge Oakley for an adjournment, because the complaining witness on the rape charge was in Florida and not present for the exam. Judge Oakley reluctantly adjourned Parker's exam until April 8 but went ahead with Hopkins.

On April 8, that witness still wasn't available and the first charge – criminal sexual conduct – first degree was dismissed. Parker was bound over on:

- assault with intent to rob while armed;
- two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon;
- four counts of felony firearm, second offense notice; and
- possession of weapon by a felon.

Charges dismissed without prejudice were:

- criminal sexual conduct, 1st degree;
- two counts of assault with a dangerous

weapon;

- aggravated assault; and
- two counts of felony firearm, second offense notice.

Parker's arraignment on the information is 9 a.m. April 15 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Parker is being held in the Wayne County Jail on \$1 million cash or surety bond.

The only prosecution witness to testify in the April 8 preliminary exam was Van Buren Township Officer Scott Griggs, who also testified at Hopkins' exam. Officer Griggs said April 8 was his 19th-year anniversary of joining the VBT Police Department.

Officer Griggs testified that on July 31, 2020 at 4:49 a.m. he was dispatched to a stabbing at a mobile home on Estates Drive in Park Estates. He said he met the female complaining witness at the entry to Timberlands Mobile Home Park, about a quarter mile away from the scene.

He said he talked to Daniel Hopkins who had wounds on his arms, fingers, and back of his head. He said Hopkins told him he was staying overnight with a cousin after attending a funeral and was sleeping on the couch.

Griggs said Hopkins said the female came home with the man and he wanted gas money for driving her home. Griggs said Hopkins said he told Parker he didn't have any money and that's when Parker struck him on the back of the head with a gun. Then, he pointed the gun at him, Griggs said.

Griggs testified Parker talked to the female and told Hopkins they were going to have sex and for Hopkins to go outside.

Griggs testified that Hopkins went out to his vehicle, got a five-inch hunting knife, and stabbed Parker in the chest when he came out of the home. He testified that

Hopkins said Parker pushed him away and got into his own vehicle and drove off.

Testimony in the Hopkins' case showed Canton police were called to a gas station on Michigan Avenue for a man bleeding from the chest, collapsed in the parking lot. A bloody gun was found in the trash can next to the gas station door and surveillance tape showed Parker trying to hide the gun.

Defense attorney is Ben Gondek.

Timothy Eugene Moore
Shandon R Groom
Shane Lamar Evans

The three defendants in the Egypt Covington murder case were at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on April 1 for their arraignments on the information.

A calendar conference on the case has been set for April 23 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Wanda Evans.

All three defendants – Timothy Eugene Moore, 35, of Toledo, Shandon R Groom, 28, of Toledo and Shane Lamar Evans, 32, of Sumpter Township – have been in the Wayne County Jail without bond since they were arrested late last year in the June 22, 2017 murder in Van Buren Township.

Conviction on the murder charges could send all three to prison for life.

Joe Stafford

Joe Stafford, 55, a resident of Georgia, has a final conference set for April 30 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kelly Ramsey on two charges of bank robbery. He is charged with robberies of Chase banks on Nov. 5 in Canton Township and on Nov. 7 in Belleville.

He has been in the Wayne County Jail since his arraignment on the Belleville charge on bond of \$10,000/10% set at 34th District Court. The bond on the Canton charge was set at \$250,000/10% at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Jessica Ann Hartman

Jessica Ann Hartman, 35, of Sumpter Township was brought before 34th District Court Magistrate Alan Hindman on April 8 by zoom with a list of eight charges on different dates, mostly in Van Buren Township. But there was also one in Romulus, one in Sumpter and one from the Michigan State Police.

Magistrate Hindman arraigned her on all the fail to appear complaints and set her personal bond as \$3,000 for each of the eight charges. That means if she fails to appear before Chief Judge Brian Oakley by zoom on June 10 and June 17, she will owe \$24,000.

Her offenses in VBT include three retail frauds in 2019 and 2020 and breaking and entering to steal property that was reduced with a plea that she failed to fulfill in 2019. In Sumpter she failed to appear for an operating while license suspended citation. The pretrial on that one is the June 10 date before Judge Oakley.

She also had an impeding traffic offense in Romulus in 2018 for which she did not pay the fine. Also, the Michigan State Police cited her for no proof of insurance on May 5, 2020, and that charge is unresolved.

Magistrate Hindman arraigned her on all these charges by zoom as she waited at Van Buren Township Police headquarters.

VBT Officer Donovan McCarthy told Magistrate Hindman that Hartman had said she hadn't slept in three days. She kept nodding off and stumbling around as Magistrate Hindman asked her questions. During the long arraignment, she decided she could no longer stand and went back to a bench to rest.

William Oliver Wood

William Oliver Wood, 36, of Southgate will have his zoom preliminary exam at 2

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBТ residents to be asked about new commercial strip

Van Buren Township residents will be asked their opinion on setting up a new commercial strip in the south side, all the way to Sumpter Township.

At last week's regular meeting of the VBT board, the Sumpter Road Corridor was discussed as a way to keep Belleville businesses from moving out of the area. The new marijuana industry in the city of Belleville is displacing former businesses who are now looking for places to move.

It was suggested if there was a strip of overlay commercial zoning along both sides of Sumpter Road from the city of Belleville to Bemis Road where Sumpter Township begins, the local businesses could stay in the area.

And, other businesses could set up shop, as well. A grocery store was suggested as a business that might come.

The farmers could sell a little of their land along Sumpter Road for commercial projects and still continue to farm the land behind that strip. That could bring some money to them, officials suggested.

A vision has to be set up to get this moving. Can you imagine a strip of landscaped businesses, a sit-down restaurant or two, and other shops along that stretch?

The township had protected the rural character of that area since the South Side Master Plan was passed in 2007. Is it time to revisit that decision? Let the elected officials know your vision.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader in Sumpter Township called on Friday to confess she had just fallen for a scam and was very upset because she knows better. She said she received a text from a lady who serves with her on the funeral dinner committee at St. Anthony Catholic Church. They have been friends for 50 years.

The friend asked her to do her a favor and send her friend Cathy a \$200 Amazon gift card and, "I will pay you back." She said she has known the woman for so long that she knew she would pay her back, so she sent the gift card.

She texted her friend to tell her the numbers on the card and the person said she is having trouble with her bank. The reader said she responded, "It's probably Chase. I've been having problems with Chase Bank for 50 years."

The person responded that it didn't go far by the time she paid her rent and late fees. Then, she knew she'd been scammed.

"They are getting more and more personal," she said of the scammers. "I'm so upset with myself... I just wanted to help my friend."

We were alerted to a Facebook account of a human trafficking arrest at the Red Roof last week and so we checked with Van Buren Township Police.

Lt. Charles Bazy said on Saturday, April 3, VBT police were called to the Red Roof for a 31-year-old female found dead in a room. Lt. Bazy said it is a potential overdose, but the test has not returned from the lab. He said there is no evidence of other reason for the death.

He said the social media account of a mob



of police at the motel with masks on April 8 is fake news.

We also were alerted to an eye-witness account of police cars from the Michigan State Police and Belleville, plus an unmarked white van and an unmarked black car with dark windows, staging on April 8 at the Girlstown office on East Huron River Drive and Potter Drive and then raiding a house on Wexford.

Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson said as to Wexford, "a Michigan State Police-led task force executed a search warrant and a subject was arrested pursuant to their investigation. Belleville PD was on scene to support their operation. Due to the sensitive nature of the investigation, I cannot release further information. I know nothing about the police action in Van Buren or if it was related to this investigation."

My brother Tony told me he really enjoyed the April 1 story out of Sumpter that told about how police drove around with a public address system playing a song that was a favorite of an autistic child who had run away. The child came out of hiding when the child heard his song and was rescued.

My brother said his grandson, Matthew Brodhead, is an assistant professor at Michigan State University and he teaches how to work with autistic individuals. Tony sent the story to Matthew about Sumpter Fire Lt. Jamie Goode's project to

help autistic people and other vulnerable individuals and asked for more information to send him, if possible.

On the MSU web site it says: "Dr. Brodhead is the Director of Spartan Caregiver Support, a service that provides free and evidence-based support to caregivers of people with autism within the State of Michigan... Dr. Brodhead's research examines focused social skill interventions for children with autism."

A senior citizen, who lives in the city of Belleville, called Monday afternoon to tell us that she just got a call from a police officer in Texas who said her Social Security Number had been used in a crime and she should call a certain number back. She called us, instead.

The lady said she has high blood pressure and this call sent it soaring, even though she took her blood pressure pill that morning. We told her other people in our community have received similar scam calls and there is no need to call the "officer" back. Also, we told her to calm down.

Last Saturday morning was sunny and pleasant, so a Sumpter resident took me for a long drive around the township to see what we could see. Interesting morning.



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Letters

Writer disagrees with Hoppe on 'Equality Act'

To the editor:

Recently, an opinion piece was published in this paper under the guise of an "article," discussing the upcoming U.S. Senate decision of implementing the "Equality Act"; in this piece, Van Buren Township resident Wayne Hoppe expressed his concerns with the possibility of the Equality Act being put in place. Hoppe touched on different topics of discussion and concerns many Americans seem to have with the Act, including but not limited to; not denying an individual access to a shared facility (such as a locker room), implementing same-sex education in schools, and requiring physicians to perform gender-corrective surgeries regardless of the physicians' religious affiliation.

The issue Hoppes' argument is that it derives from a religious point of view; while in the United States we have the freedom to express our religious beliefs in our places of worship and through our everyday actions, at the same time, according to the first Amendment, we are to have separation of church in state in matters such as these. Along with this, it is most significant to recognize that Hoppe's argument is solely based on his own personal concerns and opinions and lacks factual support. For instance, along with the concern of trans youth "taking away opportunities" from cis youth in sports and other competitive activities, the main concern is with the implementation of this act, that cis men will see it as "way in" to prey on women and children in public restrooms. While this has been proven statistically incorrect by sources such as NBC news, CNN health, TIME magazine, and others, it also distracts from the fact that most predatory behavior is exhibited by cis men *outside* of the bathroom/lockerroom setting.

The myth that allowing for equally accessible restrooms for those of any gender identity will encourage predatory behavior towards women and children is yet another scare tactic transphobes have used to argue against the Equality act.

I ask anyone who is opposed to this act to reflect on your true concerns; are you truly concerned about women and children, or are you afraid of progress? Why have we, as a nation, so strongly opposed the separation of church and state? I also ask that you do some simple research as to the suicide rates of trans youth, which, according to the Human Rights Campaign, is over 50% for male trans youth, and over 30% for female trans youth and to think about the youth in our community who have had their identity and existence shunned and invalidated by those around them, through words, actions, and opinion pieces.

Evelyn Kasperek
Life-long, second-generation Belleville resident
2017 Belleville Strawberry Queen

Target of Laroque letter responds in kind

To Charles Laroque:

Mr. Laroque, thank you for taking the time to express your thoughts. If I may quote you: "some of the most ignorant, uneducated, uniformed, hypocritical letters I've seen." That also fits your letter completely!

As P.T. Barnum famously said, there is "a sucker born every minute." You are the poster child for that quote. You, sir, are following the herd of cancel culture by making excuses for it.

The very point of my letter was to EDUCATE and LEARN from the past and don't hide, cancel or dismiss it.

If you don't want to and want to hide your head in the sand because the evil statue or book is going to hurt someone's precious feelings, be my guest. Your ninth-place ribbon will be waiting for you.

Jeff Kotlarek
Romulus

Join us for Earth Day clean-up in Belleville

To the editor:

In honor of Earth Day, the David C. Brown and Higgerson & Neal Funeral Homes are teaming up with the Rotary Club of Belleville for dual beautification projects. We would LOVE your help!

On Tuesday, April 20, at 6 p.m., two groups of people will be out working to beautify parts of Belleville.

Group one will be meeting in the parking lot at Get the Scoop Ice Cream Shop (644 East Huron River Dr.). This group will walk over to Edgemont Street and will clean storm drains along the road.

Group two will meet at Hillside Cemetery (46795 Denton Road) and will be doing basic spring clean-up.

Plastic garbage bags and paper leaf bags will be provided, but please plan to bring rakes, shovels, trimmers, gloves, and whatever else you think will make the job easier. Many hands will make light work. Please join us and let's see the difference we can all make together.

If you have any questions, please call Patricia Monroe at the Brown Family Center at 734-697-5090.

Patricia Monroe
Brown Family Center

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To the editor:

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Thank you, St. Jude.
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Obituaries



Bryan James Pancoast

BRYAN JAMES PANCOAST

(May 22, 1952 – April 5, 2021)

Bryan James Pancoast, age 68, of Belleville, passed away Monday, April 5, 2021 at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne. Bryan was born May 22, 1952 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the son of John W. and Verna G. (Dyett) Pancoast. On June 16, 1979, he married Sharon Renwick and following 40 loving years of marriage, she preceded him in death December 6, 2019.

Bryan was employed as a machinist and was a volunteer firefighter in Belleville for almost twenty years. He loved being out on the boat, enjoyed nature and most importantly, loved spending time with his grandkids.

Survivors include: three children, Christopher James Pancoast, Anthony (Meghan) Pancoast and Lindsay (Chris) Goins; nine grandchildren, Dawson, Dustin, John, Bryan, Andrew, Mason, Maverick, Addison and Kayden; one brother Glenn (Lauren Novack-Pancoast) Pancoast; one sister Karen (Donald Richards) Levinski; and many loving nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by parents.

Cremation has taken place. The memorial service was 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Stark Funeral Professionals where the family greeted friends from 12 noon until time of service. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Lindsay Goins to help with funeral expenses would be appreciated. Please sign his guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, April 19 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 20 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 21 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

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Donald Ralph Gamsjager



DONALD RALPH GAMSJAGER

(November 15, 1950 – April 9, 2021)

Donald Ralph Gamsjager, age 70, long-time Belleville-area resident, passed away Friday, April 9, 2021 at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI, after a lengthy illness. He was born November 15, 1950 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Henry Ray & Norma Louise (Holst) Gamsjager. He graduated from Wayne Memorial High School, class of 1968, and then proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict. Don retired from Ford Motor Company after 38 years of loyal service at the Wayne Assembly Plant. He was a member of the U.A.W. Local 900. He enjoyed trips to the casinos, but most of all, he loved spending time with his great-nieces & nephews.

Mr. Gamsjager is survived by two brothers Steven R. Gamsjager of Tennessee and Daryl P. (Heidie) Gamsjager of Fort Worth, Texas; a sister Carol Morris of Romulus, MI; 11 nieces & nephews; 11 great-nieces & nephews; also numerous friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also a brother David Gamsjager in 2012.

Visitation was 2-5 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. His funeral service began at 5 p.m. and Pastor Gordon Moore officiated, followed by full military honors.

Memorials may be made to his family and would be appreciated.

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Ann Louise Barnes

ANN LOUISE BARNES

(June 12, 1928 – April 3, 2021)

Mrs. Ann Louise Barnes, age 92, of Sumpter Township, MI.

Louise made her transition on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at her residence with her loving family by her side. She was born June 12, 1928 in Atlanta, Georgia, the daughter of Clifford and Ella Champion. She married Nathaniel Barnes, Jr. and he preceded her in death. Her daughter Sharon Barnes, nieces Valda McCullum and Jane Etrophia Barnes, and nephew Voylan Champion preceded her in death.

She was nurtured in a Christian family and accepted Christ at an early year. Louise moved to Michigan as a young woman and became the owner of Nate Barnes Market. She and her husband had one of the first blacked-owned businesses in Sumpter Township, which she worked and owned for countless years. While living in Sumpter she became a member of Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church. She believed in the Lord and always made him first in her life.

Louise was an honest, robust, and compassionate woman. She will always be remembered for being hard-working and her love for cooking and designing clothes.

She is survived by two children: Sheena Barnes and Big Bad D (Judy Barnes); nine grandchildren: Dawana Ray Barnes, Troy Barnes, Joceyln Barnes, Angela McDougal, Nathaniel D, Dihanna D, Julius C. Green III, Sharnice (Matthew) Brown, and Jamarrea Bishop (Valerie Emmert); four great-granddaughters: Kayla Barnes, Ava Brown, Sophia Bishop and Nyah Rose Green; five great-grandsons: Angelo Hunter, Adorian Smith, Julius C. Green III, Angel Smith and Troy Barnes Jr.; her nieces Margo Champion, Tecrette Champion and Rita Robinson; nephew Freemont Champion; and generations of nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 17, at Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel, 19865 Sumpter Rd. The funeral service will be held at noon. She will be interred in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.



Walter "Budd" Montgomery

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Remember me on sunny days in the fun that summer brings,
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And remember me in the wintertime in the stories that are told.
But most of all remember Each day, right from the start,
I will be forever near For I live within your heart.

WALTER 'BUDD' MONTGOMERY

Walter "Budd" Montgomery, Canton, Michigan, age 90

Passed away peacefully Friday, October 9, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Walt was born in Detroit Michigan. He is survived by his loving wife, of 57 years, Janet and their three children, Marie (Rick), Patricia (Aaron), and Ron (Vicki), and faithful companion, Buddy. Two grandchildren: Hailey, and Michael. One sister, Barbara (Don), and several nieces and nephews.

Walt was an avid collector of American Memorabilia. He was recognized by local newspapers and local news stations for his extensive collection. Walt loved his Country. He enlisted twice in the United States Army and also joined the United States Merchant Marine. He loved to travel and to share stories with anyone that would listen and he never had a hard time finding anyone to listen! He was very generous, always wanted to give you an item from his collection. Part of the joy of collecting was also sharing with people you love. Walt liked to make his own customized picture frames by using Elmer's glue, gemstone rocks and glitter. He believed all Americana items should be displayed in the proper way. Walt may have forgotten where he put his wallet or where he put his teeth but he never forgot a single detail or the history behind any item his collection. He will be missed dearly and will be in our hearts forever. The family is planning a celebration of life to be held at a later date. Cremation has already taken place.



Janette Kay Renton

JANETTE KAY RENTON

(June 8, 1953 – April 5, 2021)

Janette Kay Renton, age 67, of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, April 5, 2021 at her home. She was born June 8, 1953 in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of James Charles and Kathleen June (Morawski) Renton. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1971. She went on to continue her education and received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University. She taught English at Airport High School for 33 years before she retired. She was a member of Belleville First United Methodist Church, where she ran the Food Closet for a number of years. She enjoyed reading books, watching movies, traveling, and time spent with family and friends.

Jan is survived by her parents, James and Kathleen Renton of Sun City, Arizona; sister Joyce (Mike) Cooley of Plymouth, MI; brother Terry (Anne) Renton of Shelbyville, Indiana; also many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to BFUMC Food Closet, 417 Charles St., Belleville, MI 48111.

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COVID-19 death total in 48111 remains at 61, positive tests up to 2,801

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remained at 61 over the week ending Monday, April 12.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 2,801 on Monday, April 12, up from 2,588 the previous Monday, April 5.

On Monday, April 12, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 1,836 positive cases, 33 deaths; city of Belleville, 432 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 533 positive cases, 7 deaths.

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Clifford A. Baum

CLIFFORD A. BAUM

(March 13, 1960 – March 26, 2021)

Clifford A. Baum arrived on March 13, 1960 and departed surrounded by family in Deltona, FL on March 26, 2021. Clifford grew up in Belleville and moved to Florida in his late 20s. He enjoyed sunshine, hot rods and rock music. Clifford is survived by his wife Marilyn, daughter Brianna, son Cody, mother Donna (Porterfield), brother Robert (Carrie), brother John (Tracy) and sister Anna (Shariff) Hunter. He was preceded in death by his father Ralph and brother David. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.



Scott Clark Mason

SCOTT CLARK MASON

(June 29, 1964 – April 10, 2021)

Scott Clark Mason, age 56, of New Hudson, MI, formerly of Belleville, passed away Saturday, April 10, 2021 at his home. He was born June 29, 1964 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Phillip Clark Mason and Carol Elizabeth Miller. He graduated from Lincoln High School, class of 1982. Scott enjoyed deer hunting and riding his motorcycle. He was known as "Apple" and was a member of several bike clubs: Michigan Confederation of Clubs. He also supported the Outlaws. Scott enjoyed sports, and loved rooting for the Green Bay Packers.

Scott is survived by his father Phillip (Betty Botkin) of Saline, MI; mother Carol Miller, sister Corinne Gainer, niece Morgan, nephew Levi, all of Indian River, MI; his loving companion Ally Richardson of Avon, Ohio; also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and several close friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents. Visitation will be 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road will be hosting a socially distant Old School Mini Bike Show on Sunday, April 25, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. To enter a show bike the fee is \$15 and 20 trophies will be awarded. All makes and brands are welcome. The show will feature vintage and classic mini bikes and motor bikes, including Lil' Indian mini bikes. There will also be a larger swap meet area and vendor space is available. For info and to reserve a spot, call Frank Mathison at (810) 599-1399 and visit www.oldschoolminibike.com. Overnight camping with hookup is available on the fair grounds. Call (734) 697-7002 or www.waynecountyfairgrounds.net.

Dave's Treasure Trove on East Huron River Drive in Belleville is now open Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dave's has a little bit of everything from fishing and boating gear to hunting and sports memorabilia. There are one-of-a-kind gifts and collectibles that will compliment any man-cave. Cash and local checks accepted only. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 699-4438.

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There's big and exciting news coming soon from the folks at the Thunder Over Michigan Airshow scheduled for Aug. 7-8 at Willow Run Airport. I was told by Ashley Myers, Thunder Over Michigan's Director of Guest Experiences, Analytics, & Insights, says the official announcement will be made the last week of April. It'll be worth the wait; I promise as they're wrapping up the planning and logistics and updating the Yankee Air Museum's Thunder Over Michigan webpage. Those of us that already have electronic tickets were notified last week with the details forthcoming. Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org. I'll be sure to bring the news as soon as I can.

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Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education Secretary Darlene Gerick holds up a band uniform just like the one she wore at Belleville High School in 1985. She said she never had a picture taken of herself in her band uniform. This picture was taken after the board approved new band uniforms on Monday.

School Board

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Elementary after 25 years; Diane Spence from Tyler Elementary after 33 years; George Devore and Lawrence Koch, both from Belleville High School after 30 years; and Tiffany Kelly from BHS after 26 years. The board also approved the resignation of Joelle Laginess from BHS after five years. All had termination dates of June 30;

- Approved the resignation of George Tibu of the District IT Department as of April 2 after one year of service for a job opportunity and the employment of Austin Roebuck as a groundskeeper as of March 22;

- Heard Supt. Pete Kudlak announce that they have had no known transfer of COVID at the schools, with the current 10 BHS students testing positive having been exposed through their home or family. He said although Gov. Whitmer has urged schools to pause their in-person classes for two weeks after spring break, VBPS is staying in-person. If the situation changes, they can change procedures, he said. He said spring sports are outside so they will be held as scheduled. He said, "We just need to stay vigilant ... We want to keep our kids in school"; and

- Heard Supt. Kudlak say there are 20 applicants for the high school principal's position and interviews will be set and a recommendation brought to the board. He said they will be increasing staffing next school year, paid for with the federal grant, to make up for the time lost due to COVID and really get those students learning. He also said this year's graduation is set for May 27, outside on the football field as was done last year. He said if it rains, families will be informed the night before about a change in plans.

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Court Watching

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p.m., June 30, before 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin. He is charged with possessing controlled substance (narcotic or cocaine) less than 25 grams on Oct. 6, 2019 in Van Buren Township.

He was before Judge Martin on April 7 for a probable cause conference. A bail bondsman had posted the \$1,250 bond and Wood was free. Defense attorney Luther Glenn asked the judge to modify the bond by removing his tether and Judge Martin agreed to remove the tether.

Marcus Lee Shaffer

Marcus Lee Shaffer, 26, of Addison, failed to appear for his April 7 probable cause conference before Judge Martin.

He is facing a charge of assault to do great bodily harm less than murder and one count of domestic violence on Feb. 24 in Van Buren Township. He was free after posting 10% of \$5,000 bond. Appointed attorney is Blasé Kearney.

Ramal Rodriquez

Ramal Rodriquez, of Willis was before Judge Martin on April 7 to face a charge of carrying a concealed weapon on March 24 in Van Buren Township. Defense attorney Brandy Robinson said she needed discovery, so the probable cause conference was adjourned until April 21 at 9:15 a.m. before Judge Oakley.

Rodriquez is free on \$5,000 personal bond.

Gene Laroy Carrier, Jr.

A live preliminary exam has been set for 1:30 p.m., July 7, before Judge Martin for Gene Laroy Carrier, Jr., 59, of Belleville. Carrier has been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on Oct. 27 in the city of Belleville.

Carrier was before Judge Martin via zoom on April 7. His defense attorney is Scott Weinberg. He is free on \$10,000 personal bond.

Toni Gail Clark

On April 8, Toni Gail Clark, 66, of Sumpter Township pled no contest to a charge of filing a false police report of a misdemeanor at 9:05 p.m. on primary election day, Aug. 4, 2020, in Sumpter.

Van Buren Township's prosecutor Angela Mannarino was prosecuting the case for Sumpter because Sumpter prosecutor Rob Young recused himself. Since the charge was brought, Clark accepted a position as deputy treasurer in Sumpter and Young saw a conflict of interest for him to handle the case.

Judge Tina Brooks Green said the plea deal Clark accepted includes non-reporting probation for three months in a delayed sentencing and if there are no further arrests the charge will be dismissed with nothing on her record. There were no fees, except for the limited cost at the court, which includes state costs, crime victim rights assessment, local court cost, and building fund.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES APRIL 6, 2021 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID: 923 0283 1299 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Public Services Department Director Best, Developmental Services Director Power, Representatives from Clover Communities of Van Buren LLC, McKenna Associates Engineering Consultant Krishnan, Developmental Services Executive Assistant Renaud, Water and Sewer Director Taylor, Human Resource Director Sumpter, Communication Specialist Nichols and a maximum audience of twenty-four (24).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Frazier moved, Boynton seconded to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2021, Prepaid List of March 18, 2021, Prepaid List of March 25, 2021, Prepaid List of April 1, 2021, Voucher List of April 6, 2021 and approval of the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement, Resolution 2021-08 with Ashley Crossroads South LLC. and approval of Resolution 2021-09 and 2021-10 for abandonment of portions of the Sherman and Sugar drain and approval of the Fireworks Display Permit Application by Michigan Fireworks Club.] Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Read a message from the Red Cross thanking the community for their support and the Township for their partnership in providing another successful blood drive on March 25, 2021, expressed the gratitude of a resident with visual difficulty who was thankful for the Senior Center transportation services noting her appreciation of driver Bev Porter, announced the continuation of Forgotten Harvest Food Pantry every Tuesday at 2 p.m. while supplies last. No registration or forms are required and you may pick up food for another family or neighbor. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the food pantry contact the Senior Center at 734-699-8918, recognized the service of Joan Franzoi following her resignation from the Planning Commission, reminded the community that pavilion rentals are available as well as food plots in the community garden, and noted the rock painting program held by the Recreation Department was a huge success, anyone finding a painted rock in the community is encouraged to read the message and follow the directions painted on the rock.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and

New Business): Representative from Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's office offered to assist with anything the Board feels needs to be addressed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved, Martin seconded to approve updates to the Assessing Job Description and title change from Assessing Coordinator to Director of Assessing. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Frazier seconded to approve Penchura LLC for the purchase and installation of shade structure and furnishings at Van Buren Township Tennis and Pickleball Park for \$43,230.40. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Boynton, Frazier, and Martin. Nays: Miller. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Miller seconded to approve Fishbeck Contact Services for Risk & Resiliency Study at a not to exceed cost of \$25,800.00. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve a five-year contract to the existing professional services agreement with Hydro Corp, Inc. for enforcement of the SDWA mandated cross connection control program as it relates to backflow prevention devices for a total cost of \$249,525.00. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to approve a three-year contract with Advanced Underground Inspection, LLC for Sanitary Mains Camera Inspection for the total bid amount of \$213,521.35. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve a special land use request by Clover Communities Van Buren LLC to construct a senior housing development. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

Discussion on support services for the Sumpter Road Corridor Vision, Future Land Use Amendments and Overlay Zoning District.

Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 04-06-21(1) amendments to lot coverage and outdoor industrial storage area related to unenclosed roofed structures. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Frogs and toads are being relocated from the former Woodlands Golf Course by dedicated employees of Waste Management. The Huron River Watershed and Friends of the Rouge encourage residents to participate in the annual frog and toad count.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT: Martin moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: April 15, 2021

Court watching

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Judge Green said the cost was \$200 and, "\$200 is as limited as it gets."

She said she will adopt the police report as the basis for the plea, but not read it into the record.

Judge Green said she will pull the record in three months and will dismiss the case with no record. Clark's defense attorney was John O. Knappmann.

Kevin Edward Litteral

Kevin Edward Litteral, 43, of Ypsilanti, is charged with operating while intoxicated – 3rd offense and driving while license suspended - second on March 5 in Van

Buren Township. He was before Judge Martin on April 8 for his probable cause conference, but his defense attorney Barry Resnick said the discovery is still outstanding, so the conference was adjourned until April 28.

Judge Martin amended the bond to remove the GPS tether, but kept the alcohol tether on. He is free on \$5,000 personal bond.

Maurice Lashane Turner, Jr.

Maurice Lashane Turner, Jr., 31, of Van Buren Township was arraigned Sunday at 34th District Court and put on \$100,000/10% cash or surety bond. He is charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on April 9 in Huron Township.

A probable cause conference on the charges is set for 8:30 a.m., April 21, before 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley.

News reports say Huron Township Police responded to Spruce Drive on a report of a stabbing and found a 20-year-old man with multiple stab wounds, who was transported to a local hospital. When Turner was taken into custody he was being treated for a non-life-threatening gunshot wound.

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- **Tuesday, April 20** – Forgotten Harvest Free Food Give Away at noon every Tuesday until further notice at Romulus High School, 9650 S. Wayne Rd. Information: Virginia Williams, (734) 673-8396
- **Sunday, April 25** – Old School Minibike Show, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township. Gate entry fee: \$5. Free parking. Show and Swap. Trophies awarded. For information: Frank Mathison, 810-599-1399 or www.oldschoolminibike.com
- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 6, 7, 8** – Buddy Poppies for sale along Main Street by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 and Polish League of American Veterans Post 167. This is a major, nationwide fund raiser for the group to earn funds for worthy causes to help the community.
- **Sunday, May 9** – Mother's Day Flower Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square in Belleville. This is a fund raiser for Boy Scout Troop 793.

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Belleville Council to review new posting for assistant city manager

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the end of a 90-minute special budget meeting on Monday, the Belleville City Council agreed to review an updated job description for a new administrative position at next Monday's regular meeting.

Mayor Kerreen Conley and Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte agreed to negotiate a contract to be drawn up by the city's labor attorney with Police Chief Dave Robinson for his new position as police chief/city manager. The council also wants to move

forward on the job description for his assistant.

Chief Robinson would like to get the new position posted as soon as possible, so council members said they would get any suggestions for changes to the draft job description by Wednesday. Chief Robinson said he would work to get the final job description done so it could be in the council packet on Friday for review.

On Monday the council hopes to approve the description so it can be posted electronically as soon as possible.

The chief said the position will be open until it is filled. He said he plans to reach out with an email to those who applied for the vacant city manager position and ask them to complete a questionnaire to give those people the opportunity to apply for this position.

He said he will ask Mayor Kerreen Conley to help with her Human Resources tools to fine-tune the job description. Mayor Conley is employed as HR Director at Canton Township.

Monday's session was the first council review of the proposed budget for 2021-22. Another budget review is set for April 26.

Chief Robinson, who is serving as acting city manager, presented the balanced budget he had prepared with the help of Kellee Howey and Brian Camiller of Plante Moran.

Camiller said the \$384,000 in federal funds announced for the city of Belleville by the federal American Rescue Plan may be slightly reduced when it finally arrives. He said the original numbers for the state omitted villages so they will have to be included, and the numbers will change. He said he expects the number will be less and it will be split into two payments, one in a couple of weeks and the other next spring.

The budget has this money placed into the capital purchases fund because the timing of their receipt is unclear. Also, because of the uncertainty regarding marijuana

revenue, none of that has been included in the new budget.

In the proposed budget, the capital purchases fund includes an estimate of \$40,000 for a roof for city hall.

During discussion it was noted that Republic Services raised the rates to pick up trash by 2.5% as of Jan. 1 and now the raised rates to the city are higher than what the city charges residents for the service. It was agreed the raise will have to be passed on to residents.

Birthdays

April 14 – Dorothy Skszek

April 16 – Tanny Hester

April 17 – Jodi Gibson Varner, Joyce Adams

April 18 – Vickie Lenhardt, Kollin Sobocinski, Kenneth Bleeker, Anthony Kuchta, Sr.

April 19 -- April McGuire, Jennifer Leonard, Dave Sauers

April 21 – N.J. Richards

April 22 – Danielle Lynch, Chris Donley, Vesta Losen

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 304 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, April 4:

0031 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Hull
0108 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0713 – assist other dept., Winchester St.
0736 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
0808 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1221 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
1312 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1330 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1447 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1532 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Manor
1555 – property check, Woodbury Dr.
1624 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1723 – disorderly, Michigan Ave.
1824 – civil matter, Sylvia Dr.
1945 – traffic offense, Quirk Rd./N. I-94 Service
2041 – domestic, Martinsville Rd.
2117 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
2131 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2201 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
2306 – domestic, Oak In.
2334 – disorderly, Michigan Ave./Rawsonville Rd.
2355 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Monday, April 5:

0112 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0812 – found property/child, Belleville Rd./Ecorse
0926 – private property impound, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1019 – welfare check, Elwell Rd.
1754 – unattended death, Denton Rd.
1926 – property damage accident, Quirk/Belleville
1955 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2037 – disorderly, Martz Rd./Elwell Rd.
2050 – harassment call, Robbe Rd.
2053 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Edwards
2100 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hickory Woods

Tuesday, April 6:

0209 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0236 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
0932 – assist other dept., Chandler Dr.
0932 – suspicious person/vehicle, Winchester St.
1057 – parking complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1142 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1349 – welfare check, Elwell Rd.
1357 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1516 – larceny, W. Archwood Dr.
1538 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
1759 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1816 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1905 – shooting, Savage Rd.
1941 – animal complaint, Bayshore Dr.
1943 – traffic offense, Elwell Rd./Martz Rd.
2001 – assist other dept., N. I-275/Tyler Rd.
2013 – animal complaint, Tompkins St.
2032 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
2053 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
2232 – animal complaint, Lake Villa Dr./Belleville
2320 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2353 – noise complaint, Stamford Rd.

Wednesday, April 7:

0156 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0517 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
0532 – suspicious person/vehicle, Vine St.
0718 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Haggerty I-94 ramp W.
0808 – domestic, Brandi Dr.
0833 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
0955 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1034 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1048 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
1122 – domestic, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
1148 – breaking & entering, Outer Dr.
1236 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94
1243 – juvenile complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1303 – intrusion alarm, Madison Dr.
1350 – dumping complaint, Denton/Michigan Ave.
1426 – vehicle lockout, E. Huron River Dr.
1428 – assist other dept., W. Chicago
1542 – intrusion alarm, Timberview Ct.
1544 – assist other dept., WB I-94 to I-275 ramp SB
1616 – animal complaint, Independence Ln.
1632 – larceny, S. Bellridge Dr.

1636 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1715 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1754 – traffic offense, Christina Ln.
1907 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1926 – suspicious person/vehicle, NB I-275/Ecorse
1958 – welfare check, E. Sadie Ln.
2018 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl
2033 – suicidal person, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2115 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
2115 – welfare check, Village Green Ln.
2311 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wheeler St.
2329 – follow up by officer, N. I-275/Ecorse
2338 – family trouble, Bemis Rd./Sully Dr.

Thursday, April 8:

0000 – property check, Locust Dr.
0542 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
0607 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0805 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
0846 – 911 welfare check, Daniel Dr.
0914 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1237 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Yost/S. Sheldon
1403 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1417 – warrant arrest, S. Wayne Rd.
1448 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1452 – animal complaint, Andover Dr.
1453 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1454 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1545 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd.
1611 – sexual assault, Sylvia Dr.
1729 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1730 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1733 – neighbor trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1917 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1916 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1942 – malicious destruction of property, N. Adams
2006 – malicious destruction of property, N. Adams
2036 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2049 – 911 welfare check, Country Walk Ct.
2058 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2214 – malicious destruction of property, W. Adams
2312 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, April 9:

0009 – civil matter, Rolan Meadows Dr.
0036 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0121 – civil matter, N. Bellridge Dr.
0343 – noise complaint, Wheeler St.
0433 – assist citizen, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0444 – welfare check, N. Bellridge Dr.
0727 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor
1113 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1145 – larceny, Village Center Dr.
1214 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1244 – ordinance violation, Chatsworth Dr.
1245 – ordinance violation, Chatsworth Dr.
1313 – property check, Chester Ct./Colonial Rd.
1343 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1358 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1555 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

1613 – intrusion alarm, Lauren Ct.
1610 – malicious destruction of property, S. Bellridge Dr.
1631 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1634 – assist other dept., WB bypass/county line
1706 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1717 – welfare check, McKinley St.
1746 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1755 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1828 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1853 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1907 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl. / Sugarbush Ln.

1956 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2017 – 911 welfare check, Van Born
2024 – private property/property damage accident, Parkside Dr.
2044 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2128 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2242 – shooting, Ironwood Dr.
2319 – shooting, Ironwood Dr.
2340 – domestic, Water's Edge Ln.
2348 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2351 – noise complaint, Ecorse Rd.

Saturday, April 10:

0002 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.
0004 – noise complaint, Timberview Ct.
0011 – hospice death, Locust Dr.
0018 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

0113 – warrant arrest, I-275/Eureka
0250 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0354 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0446 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0538 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0932 – civil matter, Westlake
1035 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Bluff Dr.
1138 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River
1148 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1244 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1247 – malicious destruction of property, Edison Lake
1248 – domestic, Brandi Dr.
1359 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1452 – civil matter, Anna Dr.
1510 – assist fire dept., Brookside Dr.
1521 – breaking & entering, W. Huron River Dr.
1612 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1741 – domestic, Victoria St.
1758 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1831 – 911 welfare check, Lake Villa Dr.
1848 – civil matter, Colonial Rd.
1922 – assist fire dept., Marlowe Ave.
1956 – misc. complaint, Ecorse/Morton Taylor
2054 – operating while intoxicated, Hoeft/W. Huron River Dr.
2203 – 911 welfare check, Bemis Rd.
2209 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
2304 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2328 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Haggerty
2333 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

Also on this week's log are 80 traffic stops, 20 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 4:

0101 – traffic stop, Bell Plaza
1253 – traffic stop, Main St.
1257 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1317 – traffic stop, Savage School
1437 – traffic stop, Main St.
2035 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2212 – welfare check, San Carlos St.

Monday, April 5:

0020 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0915 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon
1518 – civil matter, Main St.
2050 – 911 welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.

Tuesday, April 6:

0847 – motorist assist, Huron River Dr./High
0932 – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.
1229 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./Denton
1302 – 911 welfare check, Main St.
1636 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
2030 – misc. complaint, South St.
2228 – traffic offense, High St./Main St.
2229 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
2310 – 911 welfare check, S. Liberty St.

Wednesday, April 7:

0002 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
0008 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Main St.
0939 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1035 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1121 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.
1512 – neighbor trouble, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1559 – weapons violation, Harbour Pointe Dr.
2225 – neighbor trouble, S. Liberty St.

Thursday, April 8:

1115 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
1121 – traffic stop, Main St.
1148 – traffic stop, High St./Brain St.
1218 – traffic stop, Church St./Third St.
1311 – civil matter, Main St.
1428 – traffic stop, Main St.
1541 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Potter Dr.
1742 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

Friday, April 9:

0437 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0502 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
1130 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1155 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.
1213 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Main St.
1221 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1303 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1346 – traffic stop, Main St.
1433 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Wexford
1444 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr./Biggs
1709 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.

1751 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1818 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
2105 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2110 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2140 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.

Saturday, April 10:

0032 – traffic stop, Fifth St./Main St.
0044 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Clarence
0127 – traffic stop, Main St.
0226 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
1037 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1157 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
1344 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
1425 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.
1436 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./South St.
1636 – suicidal person, Santa Clara St.
1931 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St./High St.
2206 – 911 welfare check, Main St.
2339 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
There were 39 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 4:

0124 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.
0132 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1009 – assist other agency, Clark Rd./Savage Rd.
1142 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1245 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1341 – welfare check, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
1447 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1524 – animal complaint, Walnut St.
1537 – assist other agency, 29000 bl. Martinsville
1720 – 911 hang up, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.
1755 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1828 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1847 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1935 – ORV complaint, Willow Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2329 – ORV complaint, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.

Monday, April 5:

0054 – alarm, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0155 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bontekoe Ave.
0923 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1112 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1207 – traffic complaint, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Martinsville Rd.

1343 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1432 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1451 – ORV complaint, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1509 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1903 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
1957 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2051 – suspicious circumstances, 40000 bl. Harris
2334 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Tuesday, April 6:

1152 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1458 – fire dept. assist, Third St.
1504 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1745 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1822 – neighbor dispute, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1857 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
1925 – traffic stop, Willis Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1931 – traffic stop, Willis Rd./Sherwood Rd.
1949 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2009 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, April 7:

0044 – suspicious vehicle, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0828 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.
1015 – follow-up investigation, Timberlane Dr.
1148 – civil matter, 7300 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1205 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1323 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.
1531 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1635 – family trouble, Greenmeadow Dr.
1831 – follow-up investigation, Wayside Dr.
1849 – traffic complaint, Sumpter Rd./Harris Rd.
1932 – suspicious circumstances, Rawsonville Rd. / Talladay Rd.

1953 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2019 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
2053 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2121 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.

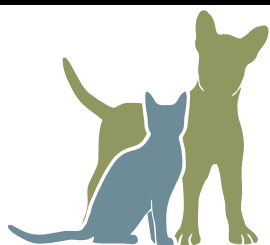
Thursday, April 8:

0244 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0821 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1046 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1107 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1121 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

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They would kick off with community engagement and public input efforts and propose rezonings or to go a different direction. He said they would give everyone a chance to buy into the project.

Power said they would talk to the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer and then look at the overall picture.

He said the first step is looking at the Sumpter Road Corridor.

In a memo he stated the township has expressed strong support for the maintenance

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1225 – citizen assist, out of township
1325 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1800 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1922 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.
2027 – suspicious circumstances, Clark Rd./Judd
2045 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2213 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2345 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.

Friday, April 9:

0916 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Harris
0941 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1053 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1113 – neighbor dispute, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz
1336 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
1343 – suspicious circumstances, Redwood St.
1433 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1853 – traffic complaint, Creekside Dr.
1918 – misc. detail, Sumpter Rd.
2147 – follow-up investigation, Harris/Sumpter

Saturday, April 10:

0712 – down wires, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0831 – traffic complaint, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
0956 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.
1009 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1158 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1324 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1450 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Clark Ln.
1512 – traffic stop, Willis Rd./Rawsonville
1519 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1808 – neighbor dispute, Rustic Ln.
1931 – traffic complaint, Rawsonville/Wear
2001 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2013 – property damage accident, Willow/Sumpter
2018 – death investigation, 28000 bl. Martinsville
2111 – suspicious circumstances, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2128 – property damage accident, Judd Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.

2305 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2315 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2347 – mental health call, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
Also on this week's log are 37 patrol checks. There were four traffic stops this week.

of rural character east and west of the land immediately adjacent to Sumpter Road.

McNamara said when he came into office, Kroger was looking at building at the corner of Sumpter and Hull roads and then didn't come in for various reasons.

"Now, Belleville has a shortage of land and people need someplace to go," McNamara said. "Businesses could start flowing down that strip."

"We need to look at that," agreed Treasurer Sharry Budd. "Sumpter is looking for us to supply a supermarket." She said there were sewer problems for Kroger. "We can reshape that to benefit Van Buren Township, Belleville, and Sumpter."

Trustee Reggie Miller asked if they have taken the marijuana facilities in Belleville into account and no one replied.

"Everyone would love to have a grocery store," said Best. "But that's not why we're doing this. Supervisor McNamara is right. It would take six months for a Kroger to rezone, but it had other challenges."

Best said the township has received calls from plumbers, a sign company, bakeries, and other businesses who want to site in the strip along Sumpter Road.

"We are looking at commercial facilities with a shop in front and products in the back," Best said, mentioning Ahearn Signs. He said they are looking at sit-down restaurants, not fast food.

He said they want to find out what this community wants in this corridor. He said they are not doing this for any particular business but to create the best economic conditions for someone to want to be here.

Trustee Miller said that strip along both sides of Sumpter is "run down. It needs some care. Then what? How long will it take to be planned out?"

McNamara said it would take six months to a year to come up with a plan.

Power said six months.

Miller asked if they have had meetings with Sumpter and Belleville.

Best said he had a preliminary meeting with the Belleville Downtown Development Authority.

He also presented this idea to the township planning commission at the end of a recent agenda.

"Even if the city wasn't transitional, we'd still want to do this," Best said. "This isn't to take business away from the city ... If they're moving out, we could have a soft place to land locally."

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